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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Adult Education Programme have not been able to achieve their targets and proved to be a failure; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. The goal of the National Literacy Mission (NLM) is to attain a sustainable threshold level of 75% literacy by 2007. The Universalisation of Elementary Education and eradication of Adult illiteracy form the two- pronged strategy for improving the literacy rate of the country. As a result of the efforts made by the Government under these programmes, there have been substantial achievements in the literacy rate of the country during the last decade. Some of the significant achievements, as brought out by the results of Census 2001, are given below:-

Category	Literacy Rate (%)		Percentage Increase
1991	2001		
Persons	52.21	64.84	12.63
Female	39.29	53.67	14.38
Male	64.13	75.26	11.13
SC	37.41	54.71	17.30
ST	29.60	47.11	17.51